



THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
WASHINGTON

January 13, 2014

The Honorable John Carter  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Carter:

I am pleased to inform you that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is awarding a grant in the amount of \$4,948,832 for 100 percent of allowable costs for the expansion of the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen, Texas (FAI: TX-13-07). The State of Texas submitted a formal Application for Federal Assistance for the project on December 5, 2013.

This grant will fund the construction of 4,000 pre-placed crypts, construction of a headstone grid support system, columbarium cap improvements, landscaping, and supporting infrastructure. The project will develop approximately 11 acres.

This grant will help the State provide continued service for 128,237 Veterans and their families in Texas. The closest national cemetery is VA's Dallas National Cemetery in Dallas, Texas, which is approximately 160 miles away. The closest State Veterans Cemetery is Texas State Veterans Cemetery at Abilene, in Abilene, Texas, which is approximately 180 miles away.

The Memorandum of Agreement is being sent to Mr. Eric Brown, Director of the Texas Veterans Land Board, and the official representative of the State for this federally-assisted project. A similar letter is also being sent to the House and Senate leadership of the Veterans' Affairs Committees and the Appropriations Subcommittees.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Eric K. Shinseki", is positioned above the printed name. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Eric K. Shinseki